

House Resolution No. 4715

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since James Banks lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary West, during a solemn ceremony on November 15, 1953, at the First Baptist Church in Centertown, Iowa; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Mary Banks have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Jim and Teke Banks of Springfield, Pam and Ted Roberts of Republic, and Don and Christine Banks of Avondale, Louisiana; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, James Banks has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a farmer, a Wal-Mart greeter, and co-pastor at Anchor Baptist Republic Church; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Banks further distinguished herself through thirty-five years of tireless endeavor as a nurses aide; and

Whereas, during their half century together, James and Mary Banks have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Banks, residents of Republic, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on November 15, 2003, at the Republic Senior Center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to James and Mary Banks and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James Banks.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4715, adopted November 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker